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SUBJECT: MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

TOKYO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PERUVIAN OAS AMBASSADOR ALVARADO, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN OFFICE, WILL ASK THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT PROBABLY NEXT WEEK. ALVARADO APPARENTLY HAS SUPPORT FROM BOLIVIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, HONDURAS AND VENEZUELA FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION.

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2. OBJECTIVES OF THIS MOVE ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. PRO-

PONENTS ARE APPARENTLY AIMING AT A DECLARATION EXPRESSING CONCERN ON BRIBERY PAYOFFS BY MNC'S. THAT APPROACH SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO USE THE PERMANENT COUNCIL, AS WAS DONE IN THE CASE OF THE TRADE ACT, TO DENOUNCE ECONOMIC AGGRESSION OR COERCION. WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT SOME DELEGATIONS TO SUGGEST THAT THE USG IS UN-CONCERNED ABOUT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF MNC'S AS EVIDENCED BY ITS FAILURE TO AGREE TO A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SUCH CORPORATIONS. THERE MAY BE SOME ATTEMPT TO REVIVE, UNDER OAS AUSPICES, THE EFFORTS TO DEFINE A CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH EFFORTS WERE SUSPENDED WHEN THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS POSTPONED, BUT THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE SPONSORS.

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY GET ON HOST COUNTRY ATTITUDES AND LIKELY POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THIS INITIATIVE. INGERSOLL

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